



MICN AUTHORIZATION - Base Hospital, Administrative, Flight Nurse, Critical Care Transport

I. PURPOSE

To define the requirements required for a Registered Nurse (RN) to obtain a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) authorization within the ICEMA region.

II. DEFINITIONS

Advanced Life Support (ALS): Special services designed to provide definitive prehospital emergency medical care, including, but not limited to, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, cardiac monitoring, cardiac defibrillation, advanced airway management, intravenous therapy, administration of specified drugs and other medicinal preparations, and other specified techniques and procedures administered by authorized personnel under the direct supervision of a base hospital as part of a local EMS system at the scene of an emergency, during transport to an acute care hospital, during interfacility transfer, and while in the emergency department of an acute care hospital until responsibility is assumed by the emergency or other medical staff of that hospital.

Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN): A Registered Nurse (RN) who has been deemed qualified and authorized by the ICEMA Medical Director to provide ALS services or to issue physician directed instructions to EMS field personnel within an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system according to ICEMA developed standardized procedures and consistent with statewide guidelines.

Mobile Intensive Care Nurse - Base Hospital (MICN-BH): An ICEMA authorized MICN who has applied for, completed and achieved all ICEMA requirements for “MICN-BH” designation and qualifies as a MICN-BH to issue physician directed instructions to EMS field personnel while working for a recognized base hospital within the ICEMA region.

Mobile Intensive Care Nurse - Administrative (MICN-A): An ICEMA authorized MICN who has applied for, completed and achieved all ICEMA requirements for “MICN-A” designation and qualifies as a MICN-A to work in an administrative/supervisory capacity for an ALS provider approved by ICEMA.

Mobile Intensive Care Nurse - Flight (MICN-F): An ICEMA authorized MICN who has received additional training related to flight operations applied for, completed and achieved all ICEMA requirements for “MICN-F” designation and qualifies to provide ALS services during flight operations aboard air ambulances and/or air rescue aircraft.

Mobile Intensive Care Nurse - Critical Care Transport (MICN-C): An ICEMA authorized MICN who has received additional training related to critical care transport and achieved all ICEMA requirements for “MICN-C” designation and qualifies to provide ALS services during critical care ground transports by approved EMS providers.

III. POLICY

1. All RNs working in a capacity that will require them to provide ALS services or to issue physician directed instructions to prehospital emergency medical care personnel within the ICEMA region shall submit a completed application and meet criteria established by the ICEMA Medical Director to provide services of a MICN in the ICEMA region.
2. All MICNs are responsible to notify ICEMA of any and all changes in name, email and/or mailing address within thirty (30) calendar days of change. This notification/change may be made through the ICEMA EMS Credentialing portal found on the ICEMA website at <http://www.ICEMA.net>.
3. All MICNs are responsible to notify ICEMA immediately of termination of their employment with an approved entity and/or employment by another ICEMA approved base hospital and/or non-base hospital employer. If employment with an approved EMS provider is terminated, the MICN authorization will be rescinded unless proof of other qualifying employment is received by ICEMA within thirty (30) days.
4. MICNs may hold authorization in multiple categories but must apply and submit all required documentation and fees. MICN authorization may be added to or converted to another MICN category by meeting all requirements for authorization in that category.

IV. PROCEDURE

General Procedures for Authorization

1. Submit a completed online application using the ICEMA EMS Credentialing portal found on the ICEMA website at <http://www.ICEMA.net> for each MICN category applied for that includes:
 - a. Copy of a valid government issued photo identification.
 - b. Copy of a valid California RN license.
 - c. Proof of completion of an ICEMA approved MICN course with a passing score of at least eighty percent (80%). (MICN-BH Initial Authorization Only)

- d. Copy of a valid American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider, American Red Cross Professional Rescuer CPR card or equivalent. Online course is acceptable with written documentation of skills portion.
 - e. Copy (front and back) of a valid American Heart Association Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) card. ACLS cards that are obtained online must have hands on skills evaluation with an approved American Heart Association instructor.
 2. Submit the established ICEMA fee. Additional categories may be applied for without additional fee. Authorization cards issued within six (6) months of nursing license expiration is exempt from reauthorization fee. Fees paid for authorization are not refundable or transferable.
 3. Submit verification of employment from a designated Base Hospital or authorized EMS Aircraft, Air Rescue or Critical Care Transport provider within the ICEMA region.
 4. Pass the ICEMA written examination with a minimum score of eighty percent (80%).
 - a. An applicant who fails to pass the ICEMA written examination on the first attempt with a minimum score of 80% must pay the ICEMA approved fee, re-take the examination and pass with a score of at least 85%.
 - b. An applicant who fails to pass the ICEMA written examination on the second attempt must pay the ICEMA approved fee, provide documentation of eight (8) hours of remedial training given by their Paramedic Liaison Nurse (PLN) or Medical Director relating to ICEMA protocols, policies or procedures and pass the ICEMA written examination with a minimum score of 85%.
 - c. An applicant who fails to pass the ICEMA written examination on the third attempt may be allowed to retest at the discretion of the ICEMA Medical Director.
 5. All authorization cards issued by ICEMA will be effective from the date all requirements are achieved and expire on the same date as the California RN License, provided all requirements continue to be met.

MICN-BH Initial Authorization

1. Submit items listed in Items 1 - 4 above (General Procedures for Authorization) within six (6) months of course completion.

2. Upon passing the ICEMA written examination, ICEMA will issue a provisional MICN card.
3. A provisional MICN-BH may function under the direct supervision of the base hospital physician, PLN or ICEMA approved designee for a maximum of six (6) months. The supervising individual must sign all MICN call forms. This timeframe may be extended upon receipt of a request in writing from either the candidate or PLN outlining any extenuating circumstances.
4. The PLN will choose three (3) recordings for review (one trauma, one medical and one other) and submit them to their partnered base hospital PLN for review.
5. When three (3) recordings have been approved as noted in Item 4 above, *ICEMA will issue a MICN card with the same expiration date as the candidate's RN license.*
6. Failure to complete the entire process within one (1) year of application date constitutes failure of the entire process. The timeframe may be extended by the ICEMA Medical Director upon receipt of a request in writing from either the candidate or PLN outlining any extenuating circumstances.

MICN-BH Continuous Authorization

1. Submit items listed in Items 1 - 3 above (General Procedures for Authorization). Upon submission of a completed application, ICEMA will issue a MICN card with the same expiration date as the candidate's RN license.

MICN-BH Authorization by Challenge Examination

1. Meet one (1) of the following eligibility requirements:
 - a. MICN in another county if approved by the ICEMA Medical Director.
 - b. An eligible RN who has been a MICN in ICEMA region who has let authorization lapse longer than six (6) months.
2. Submit items listed in Items 1 - 4 above (General Procedures for Authorization) and Items 2 - 5 above (MICN-BH Initial Authorization).
3. Failure to complete the entire process within six (6) months of application date constitutes failure of the entire process. The timeframe may be extended by the ICEMA Medical Director upon receipt of a request in

writing from either the candidate or PLN outlining any extenuating circumstances.

MICN-A Authorization/Reauthorization for RNs Working in a Non-Base Hospital

Submit items listed in Items 1 - 3 above (General Procedures for Authorization).

MICN-F Initial Authorization

1. Submit items listed in Items 1 - 4 above (General Procedures for Authorization). The ICEMA Medical Director may waive requirements for testing for MICNs currently authorized in another category or otherwise qualified by knowledge and experience in the ICEMA region.
2. Complete and submit proof of additional training related to flight operations and an orientation of ICEMA protocols and policies provided by the employing EMS aircraft provider.

MICN-F Reauthorization

Submit items listed in Items 1 - 3 above (General Procedures for Authorization).

MICN-C Initial Authorization

1. Submit items listed in Items 1 - 4 above (General Procedures for Authorization). The ICEMA Medical Director may waive requirements for testing for MICNs currently authorized in another category or otherwise qualified by knowledge and experience in the ICEMA region.
2. Complete and submit proof of additional training related to critical care transport operations and an orientation (not to exceed eight (8) classroom hours) of ICEMA protocols and policies provided by the employing ALS provider agency.

MICN-C Reauthorization

Submit items listed in Items 1 - 3 above (General Procedures for Authorization).

V. REFERENCE

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
5090	ICEMA Fee Schedule